

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE PERMIAN BASIN HONOR FLIGHT

HON. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 1, 2015

Mr. CONAWAY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 82 Veterans from West Texas who will be visiting our Washington, D.C. this week, sponsored by the Permian Basin Honor Flight. On behalf of a grateful state and nation, we welcome these heroes to the nation's capital.

The Veterans on this Honor Flight are: Clinton Adams, James Barbee, Johnny Barbee, Jerry Barker, Mike Barker, Emil Baker, Louie Bramley, Ewel Butler, Robert Caldwell, Oscar Campbell, Thomas Chandler, James Clark, Billy Cobb, Bert Cornelius, Gordon Cornelius, D.W. Day, David Dixon, Ruth Eaton, Reymundo Falcon, Othall Ike Fitzgerald, Jerry Flippin, Donothan Flourney, Ellis Fulton, Richard Galloway, Hector Garcia, Oscar Gonzales, Sipriano Gonzales, Andrew Greenfield, Martin Hammer, Wilbur Harkness III, Wilbur Harkness, Joshua Hernandez, Leonardo Hernandez, Andres Hernandez, Elyceo Herrera, Jimmy Herrera, Manuel Herrera, Ruben Herrera, Eugene Hirt, Ezra Holliman, Franklin Hughes, James Ingram, Bobby Jumper, Demencio Luna, Demencio Luna, Catarino Martinez, Pedro Martinez, Windord McClure, Jerry McNeese, James Merriman, Roy Miller, Ronnie Millsap, Linvel Mosby, Lloyd Munoz, Sylvia Munoz, Ellis Norwood, Maria Pauls, Charles Pinkerton, Dwayne Poindexter, Clifford Ray, William Reed, Rosendo Reyes, Joseph Rhode, Barney Rodriguez, Benny Rogers, Darrell Sanders, Frank Sandoval, Donald Schwartz, George Schwartz, Ernest Showalter, Harold Stallcup, Steven Stone, Frank Taylor, John Urban, Randy Vest, Robert Vest, Harry Washam, Val Wilcox, Charles Wolf, James Woods, James Woodwick, and Woody Wayne.

Mr. Speaker, I am humbled to have the opportunity to meet these brave men and women who exemplify the best of our country. Their sacrifice and commitment to duty to our nation can never be fully repaid, and I hope that when they visit our nation's monuments in Washington, D.C., the gratitude and respect we have for them will truly be reflected.

Colleagues, please join me in thanking these veterans and their families for their exemplary dedication and service to this great nation. I would also like to extend a special thank you to the local communities, all of the volunteers, and Mr. Jeremy West and Mr. John West for their extensive work in organizing this Honor Flight. This trip would not have been possible without all the financial and emotional support of the people who have put in so much hard work and personal time to make sure this trip could be possible.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF MR. HERSCHELL E. WOLFE

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 1, 2015

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a dear friend and exemplary public servant, Mr. Hershell E. Wolfe, for his 46 years of dedicated, distinguished, and admirable service to our nation. Mr. Wolfe retires on May 29, 2015, leaving behind a legacy of excellence and devotion to the United States Army and the Federal government.

Mr. Wolfe entered the Senior Executive Service following a 33-year career in the United States Army. From 1997 to 2002, Colonel Wolfe served as the Assistant Chief, Medical Service Corps and Consultant to the Army Surgeon General for Environmental Science and Engineering. In this capacity he managed the Army careers of several hundred Preventive Medicine officers and provided professional consultation to the Army Surgeon General, the Army Medical Department, the Army Staff, Department of Defense, other military departments and Federal agencies. In 2002, Mr. Wolfe became the Special Assistant for Environment, Safety and Occupational Health, and served as the principal advisor and provided senior staff leadership on all environmental, safety, occupational and environmental health issues for nearly two years.

In his final assignment, Mr. Wolfe served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Environment, Safety and Occupational Health. His responsibilities spanned a global organization that includes a \$1.5 billion annual environmental program and oversight for the safety and occupational health of over 1.2 million Soldiers and Army Civilian employees worldwide. Mr. Wolfe has provided exceptional leadership for all Army sustainability, environment, natural resources, safety and occupational health programs over the past eleven years.

Mr. Wolfe earned a B.S. from East Tennessee State University and a Masters of Public Health in Occupational Health and Industrial Hygiene from the University of Texas. His recognitions are many, but a few are the Defense Meritorious Service Medal and the Legion of Merit, Army and Defense Staff Badges, the Order of Military Medical Merit, the "A" prefix awarded by the Army Medical Department, and Adjunct Assistant Professor for Preventive Medicine and Biometrics at the Department of Defense Uniform Services University of Health Sciences. Mr. Wolfe authored and established Department of Defense Instruction 1010.15, Smoke-Free Workplace and is a plank holder of the Army's health hazard assessment program.

Mr. Wolfe can certainly reflect on his 46 years of service with pride and satisfaction. I want to commend Mr. Wolfe for his service and dedication to our Armed Services and our nation. I wish the very best as he starts a new

journey and exceptional chapter of his life. I wish him and his wife Lois all the best in their much-deserved retirement.

MRS. SYBIL MERVIS

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 1, 2015

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge Mrs. Sybil Mervis of Danville, IL, for being named regional Outstanding Philanthropist for 2015.

Noted for her civic involvement and charitable activities by the Association of Fundraising Professionals of East Central Illinois, Sybil Mervis has achieved an enviable record of philanthropy, especially in the areas of education, art, and faith.

I salute Sybil Mervis, who has given so much to her hometown, and thank her for her philanthropy.

RECOGNIZING DR. FARUK KOREISHI FOR RETIREMENT AFTER 40 YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 1, 2015

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I stand before you today to recognize and congratulate Dr. Faruk Koreishi on his retirement after serving 40 years with the Retina Consultants of Western New York. Dr. Koreishi is the founder of the Retina Consultants of Western New York and has dedicated his career to not only bringing vitally important vitreoretinal surgery to Western New York but also to serving his community.

Dr. Koreishi was the very first physician in the Western New York area who was dedicated to the practice of vitreoretinal surgery. This type of surgery focuses on the vitreous fluid which fills the eye. Among his many accomplishments is the fact that he performed vision-saving surgery on then-Buffalo Mayor Anthony Masiello.

While working to help those suffering from severe vision impairments Dr. Koreishi was also an active and engaged member of his community. He served on the board of the Islamic Society of the Niagara Frontier, the Family Justice Center, and the Coalition for the Advancement of Muslim Women. He has also been a large supporter of various other organizations such as the Western New York Food Bank, Hospice of Buffalo, Meals on Wheels, the Salvation Army, and the public television station WNED.

Mr. Speaker, thank you for allowing me a few moments to honor and recognize Dr. Faruk Koreishi. I ask that my colleagues join

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me congratulating Dr. Koreishi on an accomplished career, and to commend him for the exemplary work he has done to enrich the communities of Western New York.

HONORING THE SUCCESS OF
DANIEL K. CHURCH

HON. SUZAN K. DELBENE

OF WASHINGTON
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 1, 2015

Ms. DELBENE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Daniel K. Church, President of Bastyr University, who will be retiring from his position on June 30, 2015.

Building on the work of the University's founders and his predecessors, Dr. Church has led Bastyr University to preeminence in the field of natural medicine. The school is now respected worldwide as one of the leading academic centers for the natural arts and sciences.

Over his ten-year tenure as President, the University has grown to become one of the most trusted resources for understandable, useful and evidence-based information on healthy living. It is widely regarded for excellence in providing innovative academic programs that are deeply rooted in the historical teachings of natural health, while also incorporating the most up-to-date data to address human health.

I greatly admire Dr. Church for his accomplishments, including creating nine new accredited degree programs, supporting the achievement of the United Nations Millennium Development Goals, and contributing to the 24 percent growth of the Bastyr student body, among many others.

Dr. Church has embodied the very best attributes of a respected leader and has led the University to a position where it has never been stronger and more capable of fulfilling its mission. He will truly be missed.

I want to congratulate Dr. Church on his remarkable achievements and successful tenure, and I thank him for his commitment to health and education.

TRADE AND MANUFACTURING IN
OHIO

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 1, 2015

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize our American manufacturers. As we work to expand American manufacturing by knocking down barriers so American exporters can sell their products all over the world while creating jobs here at home—manufacturers are taking a beating. Not because jobs are disappearing—they aren't—but because so many people, including members of this Chamber, are spreading outright lies about the impact of American trade agreements.

One company with plants in my home state of Ohio continues to be cited as a company that's virtually shuttered their American plants because of NAFTA. It's astounding because it's not true. Twenty-two thousand Whirlpool workers, including 15,000 manufacturing em-

ployees—makers of iconic brands like Whirlpool, Maytag, KitchenAid, Jenn-Air, and Glad-iator—are likely shocked to hear these words because not only are they headquartered in Michigan, more than 80 percent of Whirlpool's products sold in the United States are made in the United States. I recently heard one opponent of trade say on this Floor that Maytag washers are being imported from Mexico. In reality Maytag builds almost all of their washers sold in the U.S. right in my home state of Ohio. They come from Ohio communities like Clyde, Marion, Greenville, Ottawa, and Findlay, not to mention from Whirlpool plants in Tennessee, Oklahoma and Iowa. It's not just Whirlpool employees who benefit; the company has 4,900 direct and indirect U.S. suppliers, supporting even more American jobs.

Not only does Whirlpool maintain a strong U.S. manufacturing presence, they've actively been reshoring—bringing manufacturing jobs back to America. Shortly after acquiring and restructuring Maytag 10 years ago, Whirlpool began repatriating laundry manufacturing from Germany and Mexico to their Clyde, Ohio plant—the world's largest laundry facility. Since then, they also have brought back hand mixer manufacturing from China and commercial laundry production from Mexico, creating approximately 500 new jobs in the process, not to mention increasing U.S. exports.

Don't believe the hyperbole . . . believe the numbers. One in five jobs in Ohio depends on trade. Trade-related jobs pay 18 percent more than non-trade jobs. With new trade agreements, barriers will be removed so Whirlpool and other manufacturers have the opportunity to sell their American-made products overseas. Let's spread the truth . . . trade supports American jobs and increased trade will build a healthier American economy.

HONORING DR. JUDY BONNER AND
HER COMMITMENT TO ALABAMA
GIRLS STATE

HON. BRADLEY BYRNE

OF ALABAMA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 1, 2015

Mr. BYRNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Judy Bonner, President of the University of Alabama, for her leadership and commitment to the Alabama Girls State program. Throughout her career, Dr. Bonner has encouraged young women to set high goals and never give up on their dreams.

As a child, her father would cut out articles from newspapers about impressive achievements by women around the world. So from an early age, Dr. Bonner learned to dream beyond the confines of her charming hometown of Camden, Alabama.

In 1964, Dr. Bonner was selected by her school to attend Girls State, which was held at Huntingdon College in Montgomery. There she made many friends and learned a great deal about how our state and local governments work. While many things inspired Dr. Bonner over the years, Alabama Girls State certainly made a big impression.

Dr. Bonner went on to serve as President of the Future Homemakers of America, was selected as "Most Intelligent" in the Who's Who of her senior class, and served as editor-in-chief of her high school newspaper, The Tiger

Rag. She received her Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees from The University of Alabama and her doctorate from Ohio State University.

Girls State helped motivate Dr. Bonner to do great things in her life and to have a positive impact on her community and state. It is only fitting that Dr. Bonner would go on to become the first female President of the University of Alabama and the first female President from a school in the Southeastern Conference.

Under her leadership, Dr. Bonner has guided The University of Alabama through record-breaking growth and expansion. University of Alabama System Chancellor Dr. Robert E. Witt is quoted as saying, "I can say firsthand that she is one of the most intelligent, well-focused and forward thinking academic administrators in the nation."

During her tenure at Alabama, Dr. Bonner has continued to play a key role in the Alabama Girls State program. She successfully recruited the American Legion Auxiliary's Girls State program to the campus of the University of Alabama in 2013. This year, Dr. Bonner will once again have a key impact on the over 350 young women taking part in the Girls State program.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud Dr. Bonner for her continued commitment to inspiring and motivating young women in Alabama and across the United States to reach beyond ordinary expectations and never give up on their dreams.

HONORING THE PASSING OF MR.
SEBASTIAN J. BRUSCA

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 1, 2015

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the passing of Mr. Sebastian J. Brusca, of Williamsburg, VA. Mr. Brusca passed away peacefully on May 2, 2015 where he joins his wife, Antoinette. He is survived by his four children: Rita Brusca Schmidt, Salvatore Brusca, Carol Panholzer, and James Brusca, and his four grandsons: J.R. Craig, Justin Panholzer, and Matthew Brusca. Mr. Brusca was a loving father, grandfather, and family man. Mr. Brusca was also a loyal patriot who served in the Marine Corp during WWII and was an active member in his local DAV, VFW, and the Young at Heart. Mr. Brusca will be dearly missed by his fellow veterans as well as his family and friends.

HONORING LA GRANGE POLICE
SERGEANT MARGE KIELCZYNSKI
FOR 36 YEARS IN LAW ENFORCEMENT

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 1, 2015

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor La Grange Police Sergeant Marge Kielczynski, who is retiring from the La Grange Police Department after 36 years in law enforcement.

Sergeant Kielczynski, affectionately known as "Sarge Marge," received her Bachelor's

Degree in criminal justice from Lewis University and her Master's Degree in Management & Organizational Behavior from Benedictine University. She is a life-long resident of La Grange, and her outstanding service has made her a valuable asset to the community. In partnership with her local YMCA, Kielczynski organized Mom's GED—a program which provided training to predominately single mothers who had been forced to drop out of high school. Kielczynski also oversaw several programs designed to aid at-risk youths and encourage volunteer work, including Kids at Work, Friday Night Family Gym, and Cops 'N' Kids.

Sergeant Kielczynski has also served as an international ambassador for our nation's law enforcement. In Europe, she worked with the Romanian National Police as they transitioned from a military to civilian police force. Additionally, she served as an instructor and guest speaker at Police Academies in France, Monaco, Slovenia, Germany, Spain, and South Africa.

Sergeant Kielczynski's colleagues in the La Grange Police Department identify her as an exceptional leader and mentor. She is widely known and loved throughout the village and the surrounding areas. I have had the privilege of personally witnessing the positive impact that "Sarge Marge" has had on her community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Sergeant Marge Kielczynski—"Sarge Marge"—for her many years of service to her community and wish her the best in her future endeavors.

2015 MAJOR NORMAN HATCH
AWARD WINNER, BOB ZIMMERMAN

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 1, 2015

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the 2015 Major Norman Hatch Award being awarded to filmmaker Bob Zimmerman of Tuscola, Illinois.

On April 25, 2015, the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation presented this award to Zimmerman during a special ceremony at the National Museum of the Marine Corps. These annual awards go to Marines and civilians from across the nation to recognize their work in preserving Marine Corps history. Zimmerman received the Feature Documentary award for his work, *Rise of the Valiant*.

Zimmerman's documentary is the story of veterans from the 6th Marine Division, starting with their enlistment through their return home during World War II. The documentary combines interviews, war footage, and photographs to mainly focus on the 82-day Battle of Okinawa that claimed 250,000 lives.

Footage and photographs from the National Archives, the Marine Corps History Division, the National Museum of the Pacific War, and personal collections, combined with historical commentary from Bill Sloan bestir this extraordinary work. I would like to extend my congratulations to Bob Zimmerman on his distinguished accomplishment.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONOR FLIGHT OF OREGON

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 1, 2015

Mr. WALDEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 26 World War II veterans from Oregon who will be visiting their memorial this Saturday in Washington, D.C. through Honor Flight of Oregon. On behalf of a grateful state and country, we welcome these heroes to our nation's capital.

The veterans on this flight from Oregon are: Howard L. Huffman, Army; John Kincaid, Army; Thomas D. Lloyd Sr., Army; Richard P. Swanson, Army; Harold Von Werner, Army; Alfred Willstatter, Army; Wallace Wilson, Army; Albert J. Bochsler, Army Air Force; Lincoln G. Ekman, Army Air Force; Douglas I. Ernst, Army Air Force; Ernest L. Henderson, Army Air Force; Richard I. Kuehl, Army Air Force; Leonard E. Lonigan, Army Air Force; William D. McDonald, Army Air Force; Richard A. Wright, Army Air Force; Edwin H. Bietshek, Merchant Marines; Walter F. Behrle, Navy; Gerald J. Bowerly, Navy; Darrell D. Ervin, Navy; Otis E. Huskey, Navy; William E. Kelly, Navy; Nathan D. Laster, Navy; Clyde C. Martin, Navy; Paul W. Morgan, Navy; Wayne E. Sparks, Navy; and David G. Wienecke, Navy.

These 26 heroes join more than 138,000 veterans from across the country who, since 2005, have journeyed from their home states to Washington, D.C. to reflect at the memorials built in honor of our nation's veterans.

Mr. Speaker, each of us is humbled by the courage of these brave Americans who put themselves in harm's way for our country and way of life. As a nation, we can never fully repay the debt of gratitude owed to them for their honor, commitment, and sacrifice in defense of the freedoms we have today.

My colleagues, please join me in thanking these veterans and the volunteers of Honor Flight of Oregon for their exemplary dedication and service to this great country. I especially want to recognize and thank Gail Yakopatz for her tireless work as president of Southern Oregon Honor Flight.

HONORING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF LIEUTENANT COMMANDER JAY W. GUYER

HON. CANDICE S. MILLER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 1, 2015

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service and dedication of Lieutenant Commander Jay Guyer, who is leaving his post as Deputy U.S. Coast Guard Liaison to the House of Representatives.

During his time as a liaison to the House, Lieutenant Commander Guyer was a consummate professional who exemplified the Coast Guard's values of honor, respect, and devotion to duty. Over the last three years, Lieutenant Commander Guyer's extensive knowledge of Coast Guard operations and strategic priorities has been invaluable to the Members of the Coast Guard's oversight Committees as

critical decisions were made in an era of lean budgets.

Lieutenant Commander Guyer was instrumental in the education of Congressional Members and staff on Coast Guard missions, operations, and significant recapitalization needs. Lieutenant Commander Guyer worked tirelessly to showcase interagency operations throughout the Department of Homeland Security, highlighting the interoperability of homeland security agencies along the California coastline and leading delegations that examined the national security impact of illicit maritime smuggling throughout the Caribbean.

The men and women who serve as Congressional Liaisons make significant contributions to the success of the Coast Guard through their work with the Congress. Most notably, Lieutenant Commander Guyer played a key role in the transfer of 14 C-27J Spartan aircraft from the Air Force, avoiding over \$500 million in Coast Guard acquisition costs. His continued support for vital recapitalization and modernization efforts was integral throughout the 113th and 114th Congresses.

Lieutenant Commander Guyer's extensive knowledge of the Coast Guard's response operations ensured oversight committees were kept continually apprised of rapidly unfolding events during Hurricane Sandy, the Boston Marathon bombing, and surges in alien-migrant interdiction operations. On a personal note, he has been a tremendous help to me and my staff, especially in coordinating oversight of the Coast Guard's vital missions on the Great Lakes.

I would like to thank Lieutenant Commander Guyer for his dedication and service in this challenging position and congratulate him on his upcoming position as Executive Officer on Coast Guard Cutter *THETIS* in Key West, Florida.

I wish Lieutenant Commander Guyer fair winds and following seas as he continues his outstanding service to our Nation and thank his wife, Jennifer, and his children, Adam, and Kaitlin for their continued support to the Coast Guard family.

HONORING AMERICAN LEGION POST #1871 45TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 1, 2015

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, all across America, hundreds of American Legion programs are actively engaging in their respective communities, making the neighborhoods in which they operate better places to live. In New York's 16th Congressional District, which I represent, American Legion Post 1871 in Co-op City is celebrating its 45th year of actively engaging and strengthening the bonds between the residents in the Co-op City community.

Legion Post 1871 was chartered October 27, 1970 as a veteran organization devoted to mutual helpfulness. The organization has gained a reputation as being one of the nation's most active groups of veterans. The programs run by the members, or Legionnaires, include everything from youth mentorship to wholesome family events. American Legion Baseball, which Post 1871 participates in, is

one of America's most successful youth programs, educating young people about the importance of sportsmanship, citizenship and fitness. And every time one of those remarkable events takes place, Post 1871 is advocating patriotism, honor, and the promotion of strong national security.

Legion Post 1871 is also very active with issue advocacy, and often takes a stand on issues most important to the nation's veterans community through the passage resolutions passed by the volunteer leadership.

Legion Post 1871 has also benefitted over the years by having strong Commanders at the helm, no surprise considering the array of decorated service members in the Legionnaires' ranks. Sol Cohen served as the very first Commander, and was later followed by Harley J. Mosley Sr., who became the post's longest serving leader. Past Commander Robert Feliciano became the first member from Post 1871 to serve as Bronx County Commander, and in 2012 Jerome L. Rice became the first Commander from the post to have been both selected and graduated from the National American Legion College.

Legion Post 1871 has been a pillar of patriotism and strength in the community for 45 years, and I am honored to recognize their leaders and members for all of their incredible efforts. The work this fine organization has performed in and around Co-op City has unquestionably left an indelible mark on the community for the better, and I am certain they will continue to do so for many more years to come. Congratulations to the Legionnaires on this wonderful anniversary.

IN RECOGNITION OF SUTTER MEDICAL CENTER, SACRAMENTO ON THE COMPLETION OF THE ANDERSON LUCCHETTI WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S CENTER

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 1, 2015

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sutter Medical Center, Sacramento and its employees as the Center celebrates the opening of the Anderson Lucchetti Women's and Children's Center. Sutter Medical Center, Sacramento is a community based, not-for-profit hospital, with the mission of enhancing the well-being of the people in the communities it serves through a commitment to compassion and excellence in health care services.

Sutter Health does more than just deliver quality health care. Sutter Health serves as a major economic driver, with more than 12,000 employees in the greater Sacramento Region. Moreover, Sutter Health provided more than \$100 million in Community Benefit and Charity Care investments to the underserved in the Sacramento community in 2014 alone.

Sutter Medical Center, Sacramento is embarking on a new era in its mission to deliver the latest and highest quality health care. The new Anderson Lucchetti Women's and Children's Center and the comprehensive renovation of Sutter General Hospital into the Ose Adams Medical Pavilion are opening in the coming weeks. It has resulted in a state-of-the-art medical campus designed to meet the

growing health care needs of the greater Sacramento region.

The medical center renovation project required an investment of \$750 million and created nearly half a million square footage of new space. This new facility will allow Sutter Health to bring its medical expertise, technology and patient-focused care into one easily accessible campus to better serve the greater Sacramento community. By locating all primary and specialty care services in a central location, patients and families will gain faster and easier access to needed medical services.

The 242-bed Anderson Lucchetti Women's and Children's Center is a 10-story acute-care hospital, where patients and their families can obtain the highest level of neonatal and pediatric intensive care services, pediatric cardiac care, pediatric neurosurgery services, pediatric cancer services, high-risk and conventional maternity services. When the new hospital officially opens on August 8th, it will replace Sutter Memorial Hospital as Sacramento's "baby hospital" and home to the Sutter Children's Center.

Additionally, Sutter General Hospital has been significantly renovated, transforming it into the 274-bed Ose Adams Medical Pavilion. These two acute-care facilities are connected seamlessly by a unique, three-story spanning structure across L Street that also houses clinical space. This effectively blends the two facilities into one comprehensive medical campus.

Mr. Speaker, as Sutter Health's staff, patient, and the Sacramento community come together to celebrate the opening of the Anderson Lucchetti Women's and Children's Center, I ask all my colleagues to join me in congratulating Sutter Health on completion of this integrated medical campus and in thanking Sutter Medical Center, Sacramento for the quality care it provides every patient who walks through its doors.

HONORING EDEN SKOOP AWARDED THE BEST-IN-CLASS AND PERFECT ATTENDANCE AWARDS

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 1, 2015

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Eden Skoop, a graduating senior from Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, who has been awarded the Best-in-Class and Perfect Attendance Awards from the Broward County School District Attendance Committee.

The Best-in-Class Award is presented to students who have been continuously enrolled in Broward County Public Schools from kindergarten through 12th grades, with the best attendance. Eden has not missed a single day of school since entering kindergarten 13 years ago, for a total 2,340 school days. She has demonstrated a sincere commitment to her education and the Broward school community. The amount of time and effort she has committed to her education is truly admirable and exhibits a level of passion worthy of recognition.

I happily congratulate Eden and wish her best of luck as she continues her academic pursuits in the Honors Program at American

University. It is with great pleasure that I honor her, and I know that she will continue to inspire young South Floridians to live by her example.

CELEBRATING THE CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF FORT LAUDERDALE HIGH SCHOOL

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 1, 2015

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the centennial anniversary of Fort Lauderdale High School, a vibrant and innovative school in South Florida. The home of the Flying L's that opened its doors in 1915 to a graduating class of 5 people has now grown to a diverse community of more than 2,100 students.

Fort Lauderdale High School is celebrating a long history of academic excellence. It has consistently been ranked among the best public high schools, not only in Florida but also across the nation, with US News awarded Fort Lauderdale High School the silver medal for education in 2015.

Under the current leadership of Principal Priscilla Ribeiro, the school is working to meet the needs of a new generation, offering students many opportunities through a state-recognized magnet program, an array of Advanced Placement courses, a competitive athletic program, as well as an active alumni community. The school continues to strive to embrace their motto, "Strong and True, White and Blue."

In honor of Fort Lauderdale High School's centennial anniversary, I want to congratulate the faculty, administration, students, and alumni on all of their successes and wish them a bright and prosperous future.

HONORING MR. JOE LOMBARDO

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 1, 2015

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Joe Lombardo for his contributions to the aerospace industry, General Dynamics and Gulfstream Aerospace, the largest private employer in the First District of Georgia.

Mr. Joe Lombardo's career in the aerospace industry spans over 40 years, beginning in 1975 when he worked two different program operations at Douglas Aircraft, a division of McDonnell Douglas Corporation. Mr. Lombardo's disciplined and systematic approach to aviation production operations led to his recruitment by Gulfstream in 1996. He started as vice president of Co-Production and was vital to the successful ramp-up and dual production of the Gulfstream IV-SP and Gulfstream GV. His visionary leadership and commitment to Lean practices transformed Gulfstream's Savannah-based manufacturing facility from a single to a dual production line, a practice that continues today. He served as the company's chief operating officer and then president from 2007 until 2011. Mr. Lombardo

was instrumental in the development of the Gulfstream G650 and Gulfstream G280. Since 1997, he has also served as the executive vice president of the Aerospace Group for General Dynamics.

Prior to his career at Gulfstream, Mr. Lombardo earned a bachelor's degree in sociology from San Diego State University and a master's degree in business administration from California State University Long Beach. Mr. Lombardo received the National Management Association's Silver Knight award and was recognized for his leadership in aviation when he was awarded the Cliff Henderson Trophy by the National Aeronautic Association in 2012. Mr. Lombardo served on the Corporate Angel Network's board of directors and as the Chairman of the Board of Governors of Ocean Exchange.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to join Mr. Joe Lombardo's colleagues, family, and friends in celebrating many years of hard work and dedication to our community and our Country.

HONORING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF HYUNDAI MOTOR MANUFACTURING ALABAMA

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 1, 2015

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent the vibrant community of Montgomery, Alabama—which includes constituents from Alabama's second, third, and seventh congressional districts—alongside with my colleagues Representatives MARTHA ROBY and MIKE ROGERS.

Montgomery is the proud home of Hyundai Motor Manufacturing Alabama (HMMMA), and today we would like to congratulate Hyundai on celebrating an incredible milestone—its tenth anniversary of manufacturing vehicles in the United States—on Wednesday, May 20, 2015.

HMMMA is responsible for more than 35,000 direct and indirect jobs throughout Alabama and has had an economic impact of nearly \$4 billion in the state. Additionally, approximately 75 suppliers throughout North America support the Hyundai plant and provide jobs for over 6,000 people.

Since breaking ground in 2002, Hyundai has invested over \$1.8 billion in the Montgomery facility, which is now recognized as being one of the most advanced and efficient manufacturing and assembly plants in the world.

Over 3,700 Hyundai Team Members at the Montgomery plant are building Hyundai's Sonata and Elantra sedans. In previous years, Team Members have also built the Hyundai Santa Fe sport utility vehicle.

With annual production capacity now approaching 400,000 vehicles, Hyundai Team Members will soon reach another milestone as they build the plant's 3 millionth vehicle in the coming weeks.

We are also proud to recognize Hyundai for its efforts to recruit students from the surrounding area for internships. Internships are often valuable stepping stones for future careers. Each year, Hyundai selects students from Alabama State University, the University of Alabama and Auburn University to participate in summer internships. College students

are given the opportunity to work 10 weeks during the summer in a variety of roles supporting the finance, accounting, human resources, legal, public relations, part logistics, engineering and maintenance departments. Hyundai also selects students from Trenholm Technical College to participate in an intern maintenance program.

On a personal note, Hyundai has worked closely with my office to promote Project READY, an initiative I launched in 2013 to promote workforce development and job creation throughout the 7th Congressional District. Representatives from Hyundai's human resources department have served as presenters during our Project READY workforce development seminars in Montgomery, and have recruited talented employees at each of the 7th Congressional Job Fairs since 2012.

Hyundai is truly committed to the people of Alabama's River Region as well as its U.S. consumers, and we are proud to have Hyundai as a leading corporate citizen in our community.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF ROSS CAYWOOD ON HIS OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 1, 2015

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Ross Caywood of Perrysburg, Ohio has been offered an appointment to the United States Military Academy in West Point, New York.

Ross' offer of appointment poises him to attend the United States Military Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2019. Attending one of our nation's military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country but also guarantees a world-class education, while placing demands on those who undertake one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Ross brings an enormous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2019. While attending Perrysburg High School in Perrysburg, Ohio, Ross was consistently on the honor roll, academic all-Ohio, and graduated with cum laude honors.

Throughout high school, Ross was a member of his school's wrestling and football teams, having excelled at wrestling being the 2014 Division 1 State Champion in Ohio. I am confident that Ross will carry the lessons of his student and athletic leadership to the Military Academy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Ross Caywood on the offer of his appointment to the United States Military Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Ross will excel during his career at the Military Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to the Nation.

IN TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE PEG LAUTENSCHLAGER

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 1, 2015

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Former Attorney General Peg Lautenschlager, who is being honored by "Emerge Wisconsin" on June 3, 2015. Attorney Peg Lautenschlager has not only been a leading voice for women but has served as a mentor and supporter of women, a Democratic leader, and a defender of civil and human rights during her 30 plus year career.

Attorney Peg Lautenschlager is a native of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin where she continues to reside. She is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Lake Forest College, honoring in history and mathematics and a graduate of the University of Wisconsin Law School. She is married to her soul mate Bill Rippl, a retired police officer from the city of Neenah, Wisconsin, and has five children.

Attorney Peg Lautenschlager has shattered many glass ceilings along the way as a woman and as a Democrat: she served as the first woman District Attorney for Winnebago County, Wisconsin; she was elected to the Wisconsin State Assembly beating a 32-year Republican incumbent and was the first democrat elected to this seat since the Great Depression and she was the first woman to represent her district; she was appointed U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin by President Bill Clinton and was the first woman to serve in that office; she was elected Wisconsin Attorney General and was the first woman Attorney General for the State of Wisconsin. Lautenschlager is a former member of the Wisconsin State Elections Board, the Governor's Council on Domestic Abuse, the Democratic National Committee and the Oshkosh Rape Crisis Center. Since leaving public office, Peg is a practicing lawyer and educator. She has worked tirelessly to help other Democrats, women and disenfranchised people.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize my friend and former colleague in the Wisconsin State Assembly, Attorney Peg Lautenschlager. Peg and her family have become a part of my family and she is a Confidante. I am both privileged and blessed to have her support, loyalty, and friendship. Attorney Peg Lautenschlager's legacy is not just her family but the countless women and Democrats who follow in her footsteps. The citizens of the Fourth Congressional District, the State of Wisconsin and the nation have benefited tremendously from her dedicated service. I am honored for these reasons to pay tribute to Attorney Peg Lautenschlager.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE RETIREMENT OF ROLANDA DUCHESNE AFTER THREE DECADES OF SERVICE AT GRANITE UNITED WAY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 1, 2015

Ms. KUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of Rolanda Duchesne on the occasion of

her retirement from Granite United Way of New Hampshire. Rolanda is embarking on a well-earned retirement after 33 years as a dedicated public servant, working to help her neighbors in need of assistance in New Hampshire's North Country. Be it flood or fire, hunger or shelter, dislocation or disaster, Rolanda's efforts at the United Way have brought relief and hope to hundreds of people in distress.

Rolanda served for almost 30 years as the Executive Director of United Way of Northern New Hampshire, until it merged with the other regional United Way organizations throughout the state to become Granite United Way. Since then, she has served as Director of Community Impact for the Northern Region.

Rolanda's commitment to service does not stop with her day job. She is the town welfare officer in her community of Milan, a Justice of the Peace, and a Notary Public. She is on the Advisory Board of Health and Human Services at White Mountain Community College, a Fellow at the University of New Hampshire's Carsey Institute, and a Member of the New Hampshire Charitable Trust's North Country Board.

During her tenure in the North Country, Rolanda has witnessed a rash of mill closings, high unemployment, natural disasters, and an economy in freefall. Yet even when it affected her own family, she did everything in her power to meet the needs of the communities around her. People were warm during the cold winters, food banks were well-stocked for the hungry, and children had clothes for school.

Her life in service is one that is rarely matched. Thus, it is my honor to recognize and thank Rolanda for her outstanding citizenship and service to her neighbors, the Granite State, and the United States. I wish her a happy retirement and wish her the best of luck on the adventures to come.

COMMEMORATING THE SAMOAN EXILES

HON. GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO SABLAN

OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 1, 2015

Mr. SABLAN. Mr. Speaker, on June 20 a group of seventy-two Samoans who were exiled from their home to my home, the Northern Mariana Islands, will receive the ceremonial farewell they were never given—one hundred years late.

Allow me to add the story of their exile to the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, where it may be held in trust and remembered. And let me acknowledge the work of historian Scott Russell in assembling these details.

In May 1909, the seventy-two Samoans, 10 chiefs, their families and servants were exiled to the island of Saipan in the Mariana Islands by the governor of German Samoa Wilhelm Solf. These chiefs were involved in a movement known as the Mau a Pule (the opinion of Pule) which sought to reinstate traditional Samoan practices abolished by the German colonial regime in the late nineteenth century. The leader of the movement was Lauaki Namulau'ulu, an orator of high standing from Safotulafai, one of the most senior villages in Savai'i. Lauaki and his followers, however,

failed to secure support from other factions in Samoa and they were subsequently exiled to distant Saipan by Governor Solf.

The Samoans established themselves on Saipan just south of the village of Tanapag. They built eleven fale, the distinctive round Samoan residential house, one each for the ten chiefs and one for the Samoan pastor and his family who accompanied the chiefs in exile. The German administration provided each family with tools, seeds and livestock. Water was brought in by bamboo piping from nearby Saddok Agaton and the people of Tanapag gave their new neighbors assistance. It is reported that the Samoans acclimated well since Saipan's environment was very similar to that of their homeland. The Samoans remained on Saipan until June 1915 when they were repatriated home by the Japanese military administration that had been on the island since October 1914.

The story of these political exiles was almost lost in time. No significant body of oral history regarding the Samoans survives in the Marianas. Local recollections about the Samoan presence are limited to a couple short magazine articles dating to the late 1960s. And the German, Japanese, and New Zealand/British government records associated with this event have not been readily available.

In the late 1990s, however, the Division of Historic Preservation of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands did acquire an account written by the youngest exiled chief, Iga Pisa. Pisa's account, written in 1942, provides some details about exile life on Saipan but its main focus is Pisa's own remarkable voyage from Saipan to Guam in a small Samoan paddling canoe. Pisa was an ambitious youth and had spent his time on Saipan learning the German language with the aim of obtaining employment in the colonial government in Samoa after returning home. World War I, however, ended his plans when English-speaking New Zealanders replaced Germans as colonial administrators in what is now Independent Samoa.

Pisa decided that rather than return to his home unprepared, he would paddle his way to American-controlled Guam where he hoped to learn English. Without informing the elder chiefs, Pisa secretly departed Saipan at night in a borrowed Samoan paddling canoe. After reaching Rota in the Northern Marianas, where he was provided food and shelter by the Alcalde, Pisa continued on to Guam where he came ashore at Ritidian. After convincing the American military governor of his identity, he was given a job in the Navy printing office. Pisa quickly learned English and requested to be returned home in 1919. He then had a successful career in the local government. He was the only exiled chief to survive the influenza epidemic that claimed millions of lives worldwide in 1918. Today, Pisa is still remembered in Samoa for his daring voyage to Guam.

This month all of this remarkable piece of Pacific history will be remembered in a series of events arranged by the Northern Marianas Humanities Council. Dignitaries, scholars, and keepers of the islands' oral history will convene from Samoa, New Zealand, and the Mariana Islands. The culmination will be a farewell ceremony conducted in accordance with the precepts of Samoan culture.

In commemoration of this event and in remembrance of those Samoans, who were ex-

iled for their political beliefs, I submit this brief history.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MONMOUTH CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 1, 2015

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Monmouth Conservatory of Music on its 50th anniversary this year. The Monmouth Conservatory of Music has been a premier music school in New Jersey and this milestone is truly deserving of this body's recognition.

The only non-profit music school in Monmouth County, New Jersey, the Monmouth Conservatory of Music is a valuable and influential institution of the local arts community and an outstanding educational and recreational resource for the greater Monmouth County area. It focuses its efforts on reaching everyone in the community, including underserved populations, and works to make music education and experiences accessible to all, offering scholarships, lectures, programs and free public concerts. Its mission to introduce music to the general public and its positive impact on the community is commendable.

Founded in 1964 by Felix and Jeannette Molzer, the Monmouth Conservatory of Music remains dedicated to fostering musical excellence in its students and imparting the importance of musical education and musical understanding to future generations. Its commitment to promoting music has contributed to the thriving cultural landscape of the community. Under the direction of Artistic and Executive Director Vladislav Kovalsky and Associate Director Irina Kovalsky, the Monmouth Conservatory of Music offers expert teachers and high standards for its students. It is committed to enriching its students and the community through music.

Once again, I sincerely hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing the contributions and achievements of the Monmouth Conservatory of Music and honoring its 50th anniversary.

REMEMBERING MARCUS BELGRAVE

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 1, 2015

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the life and career of my friend and fellow Detroit, Marcus Belgrave, who passed away last Sunday, May 24th.

Mr. Belgrave was a consummate gentleman; a legendary jazz impresario; and a gifted player, composer, and teacher. It is difficult to fathom how one achieves all that Marcus did—he started his career at just 18 years old, playing with Ray Charles. He went on to share the stage with luminaries like Ella Fitzgerald, Charles Mingus, McCoy Tyner, Dizzy Gillespie, Eric Dolphy, Aretha Franklin, Wynton Marsalis, and Joe Henderson. Everyone has heard the power of his talent in

Motown classics like “My Girl” and “Dancing in the Street.” As a Jazz Ambassador, Marcus Belgrave carried his American sound to Latin America, Europe, Asia, Africa, and the Middle East.

But he was not just a musician, not just a composer—he was a mentor of the highest order. He taught Jazz to some of our greatest contemporary artists, including Geri Allen, Regina Carter, Kenny Garnett, Robert Hurst, and Karriem Riggins. Virtually every Jazz artist to come out of Detroit in the past 50 years was influenced by Marcus. Though he may be gone and his trumpet is finally silent, his talent and voice will continue to inspire new generations through the lives he helped shape. His shadow will loom large over every Detroiters who picks up the trumpet.

He will also live on through the institutions of Jazz that he founded, chartered, and fostered. He was an original member of the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra. He established the Jazz Development Workshop and Jazz Studies program at the Detroit Metro Arts Complex. He served as a Professor of Jazz at Oberlin College in Ohio. Motown would not have been the same without him. Detroit's place in Jazz history would not be the same without him.

The world lost a living legend last week, and Detroit lost a champion. But Mr. Belgrave lived his life in such a way that he will be remembered forever. I offer my heartfelt condolences to his wife Joan, his children, and all the family, friends, and fans who mourn the passing of a legend.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE C.K.
MCCLATCHY GIRLS BASKETBALL
TEAM

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 1, 2015

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the C.K. McClatchy High School Girls Basketball Team for winning the 2015 Division I State Championship. As the team's players, coaches, student body and faculty look back on this terrific season, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the team for its remarkable success.

The 2014–2015 McClatchy Lady Lions are comprised of an excellent group of student-athletes who play a tenacious, gritty brand of basketball that energized not only the school, but the entire Sacramento community. Their selfless play and team spirit exemplified the best that high school athletics has to offer.

The Lady Lions culminated their brilliant season on March 27, 2015 by defeating Serra of Gardena 65–61 in double-overtime to win the California Interscholastic Federation Division I State Championship. Their state championship is the first for McClatchy High School in any sport, and also was the first in Sacramento City Unified School District history.

McClatchy's victory is a fitting conclusion to the season for a group of players who have demonstrated tremendous skill, perseverance, and effort throughout the year. Each player, whether senior, junior, or sophomore, exhibited a steadfast commitment to the team. The Lady Lions outstanding roster includes Lauren Nubla, Destiney Lee, Jordan Cruz, Kelsey

Wong, Kristi Wong, Alex Washington, Sara Shimizu, Ka'maree Donald, Haley Arakaki, Jade Fonseca, and the Sacramento Bee's 2014–2015 Basketball Player of the Year, Gigi Garcia.

In addition to their talented roster, the McClatchy team also benefitted greatly from the tutelage of one of the best coaching staffs in the area. Head Coach Jessica Kunisaki and her able assistant coaches, Jeff Ota, Que Ngo, and Carlos Vicenty cultivated a spirit of camaraderie and hard work under which the players thrived.

Mr. Speaker, as McClatchy's 2014–2015 school year concludes, I am honored to pay tribute to the exemplary members of the C.K. McClatchy High School girls basketball team, who have brought so much enthusiasm and pride to McClatchy and the Sacramento community. Their success this year is highly commendable and I am pleased to have the opportunity to recognize their accomplishments. I ask all of my colleagues to join me in congratulating the C.K. McClatchy girls basketball team on a wonderful season and wish them continued success in future years.

HONORING CAPTAIN SCOTT
BIERWILER

HON. RICHARD B. NUGENT

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 1, 2015

Mr. NUGENT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and remember the life of Captain Scott Bierwiler, a fellow colleague of the Hernando County Sheriff's Department, a dedicated husband and father of three, and my good friend.

Captain Bierwiler met his untimely death in an automobile accident that devastated the community. The sadness and grief felt upon hearing the news of his passing still stings fresh in my mind, even though risk is an inherent part of the law enforcement description. As sheriff, it was a day that I always feared and hoped I would never have to face. Yet I found myself mourning my friend.

It is tough to recall the days that followed and how full they were of tears, sorrow, and disbelief. However, the memories of Captain Bierwiler quickly came to light and the transition from sadness to acceptance began. As if it were from a page in his own book, the focus of his early death quickly became more about the celebration of his life and the impact he had on so many.

I first met Scott through his parents, who are family friends, and I immediately recognized the potential he radiated even as a young man. After graduating from the police academy, Scott joined the Hernando Sheriff's Department where he served proudly for twenty-three years. He was a hard worker and was dedicated to his job, his fellow officers, and the community where he lived and worked.

His work ethic was unlike any other. No matter how big or small the task, nor noteworthy or publicly known the result. And his determinations didn't go unnoticed. Scott was awarded the Hernando County Sheriff's Office Medal of Valor, the Hernando County Ribbon of Commendation, the New Jersey State Medal of Valor, the Meritorious Service Award from Bergen County Prosecutors Office, and the Combat Cross. But above all accolades,

there was not one person who didn't have the upmost respect for Captain Bierwiler. Respect was mutual and he made sure that it was always known. There was no question that Captain Bierwiler would have made an honorable and just sheriff for Hernando County.

He was a quintessential family man—loving, dependable, and as devoted as they come. There was never a question that his children were his sole purpose in life and his greatest achievement. He would tell stories of the moments of laughter they would share, the times spent together boating on the Gulf of Mexico, and the hopes he had for their futures. He gave all that he had to his family and I can only hope that as his children grow, they flourish in the love that surrounds them from their father.

On Thursday, May 28, 2015, the Hernando County Sheriff's Department unveiled a memorial for Captain Scott M. Bierwiler. It will never be easy to look back on the day that Scott was taken from his family, his friends, and the Hernando community. But my hope for the memorial sign dedicated in his honor is to allow us to remember the times we shared with him, the happy and blessed life he lived, and the legacy he left behind. I am humbled and will forever be thankful to have been a friend of Captain Scott Bierwiler and I will continue to remember his memory fondly.

HONORING COLONEL GREG
SCHANNAP, USA, RETIRED

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 1, 2015

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Colonel Greg Schannap, USA, Retired. As a man of deep faith, he knows that scripture tells us, “And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.” Greg has brought these powerful words to life throughout his career as a servant of God, the Army, and his fellow man.

Greg was born in El Segundo, California and first served in the U.S. Army from 1965 to 1967. He was among the elite Special Forces at Fort Bragg before being honorably discharged at the rank of Sergeant. Education was next on his agenda. While he holds a Bachelor's Degree in Marketing from Northern Arizona University, Greg's lasting faith led him to pursue a Master's Degree in Theology from Fuller Theological Seminary in California.

Greg couldn't resist the call to serve and, after completing his education, returned to active duty in 1977 as an Army Chaplain. There are no closed doors to a chaplain in the military and Greg was as welcome among his fellow officers as he was among the enlisted. His life experience, Special Forces background, and pastoral skills made him a blessing to the Army family. He served as a Chaplain for twenty-nine years, retiring in 2004 at the rank of Colonel.

Most would use the passing of one career as an opportunity to enjoy a well-deserved rest. Yet Greg's need to serve led him to, within days of his military retirement ceremony, start a new career as my liaison to Fort Hood. It's a role he is uniquely suited for as he understands both the importance of the

mission at The Great Place and the unique culture that sustains our warriors there. He's been a steady, calming presence through times both good and bad for the thousands of brave warriors stationed at one of the world's largest military bases.

Greg's genial nature is equaled only by his hard-earned wisdom from years of ministry. He knows there are two sides to every story and that everyone deserves to have their voice heard. This has proven invaluable as he's worked tirelessly on behalf of his beloved Fort Hood and the people of Central Texas. His patient and positive attitude remains a source of strength and inspiration for both friends and colleagues.

Yet through it all, family remains the center of his life. He is married to the former Martha (Marty) E. Haley. Greg's six children know him has a devoted and loving dad to them and a proud grandfather to his seven grand children.

Greg Schannep signs all his emails with the stirring words *Pro Deo et Patria* ("Still Serving God & Country"). All who've been blessed by his presence know that to him this isn't a meaningless expression but a deep and lasting creed that has been the guiding force of his life.

Greg's been a trusted advisor, superb public servant, and vital part of Team Carter. I join my staff in wishing him a well-deserved retirement and nothing but the best in the years ahead.

HONORING DAVID JOHN GOTAAS

HON. ROBERT J. DOLD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 1, 2015

Mr. DOLD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of David John Gotaas, a resident of Northbrook, who passed away on May 23, 2015.

Born in Chicago to Lois and David S. Gotaas on March 2, 1951, David was raised a missionary child in Venezuela until his family returned to the Chicago area where David attended New Trier High School (1968), Wheaton College (BA, Economics, 1972) and Northwestern University (MBA, 1974). Although he began his career as a Certified Public Accountant, David was an entrepreneur at heart, and gladly traded corporate pursuits for self-made ventures in real estate, which he viewed as both business and ministry.

In 1978, David married the love of his life and best friend, Sally Slingerland, who attended Winnetka Bible Church where his father pastored. David and Sally settled in Northbrook where they raised four daughters.

David's childhood on the mission field marked him with a passion to serve others around the world. An active member of the Winnetka Rotary Club, David helped initiate the first Rotary Club in the country of Kosovo in 2005. David's involvement in Kosovo also included service on the Advisory Board for the Kosovo American Education Fund and the Board of Trustees for the American Councils for International Education.

David's travels brought him not only to Kosovo, but to over 80 countries around the world. A member of the Circumnavigators Club of Chicago, David's favorite travel destinations were far from the typical tourist trail,

including recent trips to Myanmar and Bangladesh, where he purposefully sought out the humblest accommodations to connect with locals and practice simplicity. Despite the breadth of his adventures, perhaps his favorite destination was Yosemite National Park, where he enjoyed bringing anyone willing to keep up with him. Wherever he traveled, David was known to share his adventures via postcards to family, friends and acquaintances.

David will be remembered for his passionate love for Jesus Christ, love for family, integrity, thoughtfulness and generosity. He is survived by his wife, Sally, and his four daughters, Anne, Kathryn, Mary and Laura. In his final years, perhaps David's greatest joy was his grandchildren: Nathan, Nora, Kate, Silas and a fifth due in September.

HONORING COMMUNITY CHAMPION YVONNE CLARK

HON. MIKE KELLY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 1, 2015

Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize one of my constituents from Western Pennsylvania, Yvonne Clark. Yvonne, the Director of Walker's Neighborhood House in Lawrence County, has served both her family and community with excellence, leaving behind her a legacy of compassion and integrity that has impacted many.

The seventh of sixteen children, Yvonne worked for both American Cleaners and First National Bank before putting her professional ambitions on hold in order to raise her family. She has been happily married to Robert Clark for forty-seven years, and together they have three children: Robert Jr., Adella, and Aaron. Yvonne and Robert are also blessed to be the grandparents of nine grandchildren.

In 1979, Yvonne enrolled in the Pittsburgh Beauty Academy in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania and graduated with honors shortly thereafter. Under the mentorship of a respected and accomplished local salon-owner, Yvonne learned the skills of the trade and eventually opened her own salon in 1984. When health issues demanded a change of course, Yvonne worked as a family service worker and then a job coach before returning to school at Midwestern Baptist School of Ministry. Again, she graduated with honors and received her Associate's Degree in Women's Ministry in 2006. Additionally, valuing her role as mother and grandmother, Yvonne became the primary caregiver for her three grandchildren when her daughter was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis.

It was around this time that Walker's Neighborhood House, a division of the Gussie M. Walker Community Outreach Organization, was established. The mission of this after-school program is to empower youth and families to be the best they can be by obtaining a better education, while also learning that with God all things are possible. By providing both tutoring and structured recreational opportunities for local youth in an area where 85% of the population is considered low-income, Walker's Neighborhood House is breathing life back into the community and empowering our next generation of leaders. Under Yvonne's

devoted and impassioned leadership, over 2,500 students have walked through its doors and left changed for the better.

In serving her family and community, Yvonne has shown herself to be a leader in the truest sense of the word and a role model for the many who are privileged to know her. Furthermore, her dedication to directing the St John United Holy Church Choir for thirty-five years gives evidence to the core Christian values that inform her experiences. On behalf of the Third District of Pennsylvania, I would like to express sincere gratitude and appreciation to Mrs. Yvonne Clark, a true Community Champion.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE NJROTC AWARD WINNERS

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 1, 2015

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, it's with a profound sense of pride that I rise today in recognition of our nation's Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (NJROTC) program, its cadets and the excellent cadre of leadership that instructs and guides these future naval officers. Our nation is defended by a military that is second-to-none, but it's no mistake that the quality and pedigree of our nation's armed forces is beyond comparison. Training is only part of what makes a good military leader. The principles of commitment, organization, teamwork and respect are not always learned—in many ways, they are innate, and those who serve in the NJROTC program show a level of talent and dedication that consistently demonstrates why our military—and our Navy, especially—possesses so many first-rate leaders.

Most recently, a national competition was launched to determine the 2015 Navy League Most Improved Unit and the 2015 Most Outstanding Unit. Most improved honors went to the Pearl River Central High School in Carriere, Mississippi. The Most Outstanding Unit award was given to the Allen D. Nease High School in Ponte Vedra, Florida. Two impressive units, Mr. Speaker, and both showed strong attributes in their respective award areas. There was plenty of competition, and every unit gave their best—and for that, both the award winners and the entire field of competitors can take great pride in their accomplishments.

Receiving a top award is really quite an honor, Mr. Speaker. In fact, awards often reflect years of hard work and development, even though awards are given yearly. The award criteria is exhaustive—evaluating participation in the classroom, physical fitness and extracurricular activities. Cadets even participate in community service projects—with one unit, Pearl River, completing more than 5,000 hours of community service alone. However, Mr. Speaker, as we extend our congratulations to the cadets, I would be remiss if we didn't recognize the amazing work of the many program instructors. In particular, I want to recognize Naval Science Instructors Col. Todd Ryder and Chief Ron Hazlewood, whose leadership, professionalism and knowledge have been integral to successful mentorship in the NJROTC program at Pearl River. And I know

their commitment to the cadets has translated into the development of community leaders and positive influences within the school system. A special thank you to Todd and Ron, for all you do to encourage future patriots with the same tenacity and work ethic that defined your own service careers.

Mr. Speaker, once again, I ask that this body join me in recognizing this fine group of Americans for all they have accomplished—and their continued and future service to this great nation.

HONORING ED ZABROCKI FOR HIS
34 YEARS OF SERVICE AS
MAYOR OF TINLEY PARK, ILLINOIS

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 1, 2015

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ed Zabrocki who recently retired after serving 34 years as Mayor of Tinley Park, Illinois. Throughout his time in office, Mayor Zabrocki demonstrated tremendous dedication to his community and its residents.

Ed Zabrocki began his career in public service by serving on the Tinley Park Human Resources Commission and became a Village Trustee in 1979. Two years later he was elected Mayor of Tinley Park.

Throughout his tenure in office, Mayor Zabrocki maintained a strong commitment to Tinley Park's residents. Under his leadership, the village became one of the fastest growing municipalities in the nation. In 2005 he was named as a finalist for the World Mayor Award. In 2006, the Commerce Department recognized Mayor Zabrocki with the Excellence in Economic Development Award for "recognizing commitment to sound, research-based, market driven economic development in helping to grow the local economy." In addition to his service to Tinley Park, Ed Zabrocki was elected to be the 37th District's State Representative in the 89th Illinois General Assembly.

Ed Zabrocki has also been dedicated to education. After two years as a teacher at Bishop Noll, he was hired to teach at Brother Rice High School in Chicago in 1965. Forty years later he retired as Director of Guidance. Over the years he had a great influence on his students, with five of them going on to be elected to public office in the Chicago area.

Mayor Zabrocki and his wife Emily are the parents of two children and the grandparents of seven. In retirement he plans to spend more time with his family as well as his Lionel train sets and his baritone sax.

RECOGNIZING BOBBY WALTERS

HON. TOM RICE

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 1, 2015

Mr. RICE of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, today is the official start of Hurricane Season. As a lifelong resident of a coastal area and a representative of a coastal district, hurricane preparedness is a priority of mine.

I would like to recognize a young man in my district who is committed to hurricane safety, Bobby Walters. Bobby is a resident of Georgetown County, South Carolina, and has spent the last three years marking 861 street signs with their corresponding hurricane evacuation zone.

Now, Georgetown residents can easily determine which evacuation zone they are in, and should inclement weather occur, proceed to the nearest evacuation route.

Bobby is a member of Boy Scout Troop 360 in Pawleys Island and completed this project to earn his Eagle Scout rank.

On behalf of the Seventh Congressional District, thank you Bobby and Troop 360 for all of your hard work to keep our community safe.

THE PHOENIX MERCURY, 2014
WNBA CHAMPIONS

HON. KYRSTEN SINEMA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 1, 2015

Ms. SINEMA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Phoenix Mercury, our 2014 WNBA Champions, who on Friday June 5, 2015 begin their nineteenth season. During the opening game, the team will receive their third championship ring in seven years and the 2014 Championship Banner will be unveiled before thousands of fans. The enthusiastic crowds that have supported the players for almost two decades will be there to cheer them on as they play the San Antonio Stars. As the team begins their new season, I proudly recognize the exceptional team members, captains and managers who have built the most successful professional women's basketball team in the world—our Phoenix Mercury.

In addition to their talent on the court, Phoenix Mercury team members are an integral part of the Valley of the Sun. The team dedicates a great deal of their free time engaging children, neighborhoods and schools, serving as mentors and role models to the young people who look up to them.

Our Phoenix Mercury has the strongest fan base and attendance in the WNBA and the team credits their success as a team to this "X-Factor"—the power of their fans. Congratulations to the Phoenix Mercury as they begin their nineteenth season and thank you for demonstrating to young girls, boys and the world, the heart and strength of women athletes.

HONORING RABBI MELVIN AND
LENORE SIRNER

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 1, 2015

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, religious institutions and the men and women who lead them have the power to shape and bind communities in many incredible ways. For over forty years in New Rochelle, Rabbi Melvin Sirner and his wife, Lenore, have led Beth El Synagogue Center in New Rochelle with incredible grace, and as a result have left an indelible mark on the entire community.

A native of Chicago and a graduate of the University of Michigan, Rabbi Sirner came to New Rochelle in August 1972 following his ordination at the Jewish Theological Seminary. Scheduled only to stay at Beth El for two years, Rabbi Sirner extended his stay several years and, upon the retirement of Rabbi Golovensky, was elected Senior Rabbi of the Center.

Lenore Richman Sirner was born and raised in Boro Park, Brooklyn, and received a wonderful early Jewish education at Shulamith School for Girls, and later at Yeshiva of Flatbush High School. A graduate of George Washington University, Lenore earned her Master's degree in social work from New York University, before serving for many years as Director of Social Work Case management at the Burke Rehabilitation Hospital, and later as Administrator of Clinical Services.

As Lenore volunteered at Beth El, she met Rabbi Sirner, and the rest as they say is history.

Together, Rabbi Sirner and Lenore have led Beth El by emphasizing high quality and meaningful Jewish experiences. Under their stewardship, Beth El went from a community that did not permit participation of women in religious ritual, to a fully egalitarian synagogue. The establishment of the Keruv Committee, which works to ensure that all feel fully embraced and welcomed by the Beth El community, has helped shaped the synagogue under Rabbi Sirner's watch, and the Sylvia and Robert Scher Chesed Committee, which works to help shape the larger New Rochelle community as a whole, has become a great beacon of light for the entire neighborhood due to its fine work.

But Rabbi and Lenore Sirner's greatest joy and accomplishment is their family. They are the proud parents of Gabrielle, her husband Morris, Abby, and Ari. They are also adoring grandparents to Lev, who I'm told is currently on the verge of mastering the sippy cup.

This year, the Beth El Synagogue Center is honoring Rabbi Sirner and Lenore for their decades of dedicated service to the Beth El, as well as the entire New Rochelle, communities. It is my pleasure to offer congratulations to Rabbi Sirner and Lenore on this wonderful occasion, and thank them for all they have done to better our community.

WELCOMING AKHAN SEMICONDUCTOR
INCORPORATED TO
GURNEE, IL

HON. ROBERT J. DOLD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 1, 2015

Mr. DOLD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of AKHAN Semiconductor Incorporated and its founder and Chief Executive Officer, Adam Khan. AKHAN Semiconductor has become the most advanced diamond semiconductor platform in the world due to the hard work and meticulous training of Mr. Khan and his team.

AKHAN will begin operations in Gurnee, Illinois this June. Mr. Speaker, the 10th District of Illinois that I represent is a manufacturing hub, and a fantastic place for industry to form and grow. In fact, Gurnee was the perfect choice for AKHAN because it is rich with

human talent and world class education institutions, is a transportation hub that makes it easy to ship materials and product, and perhaps most critically, Gurnee has strong pro-industry municipal and county leadership beginning with its Mayor Kristy Kovarik and Lake County Partners.

One reason in particular that I am very excited about AKHAN being here is that its leaders understand that they have a responsibility to partner with local educators to ensure that we are preparing our local workforce for the career demands of the 21st Century. I have long been impressed with the College of Lake County and its commitment to partnering with local industry, and so it is no surprise that AKHAN and the College of Lake County are partnering to create an incubator to offer vocational training that will allow students to attain certification to operate AKHAN's high tech machinery.

AKHAN is also tapping into another jewel of our region, Argonne National Laboratories. In fact, I understand that they will soon announce a broadened IP agreement where AKHAN's patent portfolio will be expanded to cover even more intellectual property.

Mr. Speaker, AKHAN is an exciting new member of our community, and it is my great pleasure to recognize their achievements and welcome them to Gurnee.

CONGRATULATING SIX MUSSELMAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FOR WINNING H&R BLOCK BUDGET CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIPS

HON. ALEXANDER X. MOONEY

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 1, 2015

Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I would like to express my warmest congratulations to six exceptional students from Musselman High School for winning scholarships from the H&R Block Budget Challenge; Shelbi Fisher, Mitch Anton, Kirsten Campbell, Vanessa Beddow, Taylor Stocks, Sarah Muskett, and their teacher Mr. Chad Spencer. In this challenge, these students managed a budget based on their current and future cash needs, as well as learn a number of important financial concepts. The reward for winning this challenge is a \$20,000 scholarship, which will help send these bright students to college.

As a Member of the United States House of Representatives, I am particularly pleased when I see young people take initiative to learn about fiscal responsibility. The excellence these Musselman High School students have demonstrated by winning the H&R Block Budget Challenge Scholarships is an example of the promise that young West Virginians and Americans show.

I join with their families, friends, and loved ones in congratulating the winning students from Musselman High School on this impressive accomplishment. I urge them to continue their hard work, and wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

HONORING DR. CHARLES BANTZ FOR HIS LEADERSHIP AND DEDICATION

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 1, 2015

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary accomplishments of Dr. Charles Bantz. After serving over a decade as Chancellor at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, Dr. Bantz will be stepping down as chancellor. IUPUI, one of the country's leading urban universities, flourished under Chancellor Bantz's leadership, and Hoosiers are eternally grateful for his contributions.

IUPUI's location in the heart of Indiana's capital city has long brought with it a special responsibility of service to the residents of Indianapolis and Indiana. Chancellor Bantz understood this and the campus has significantly strengthened its ties to the city and state during his tenure. He helped transform and improve the university, which had positive impacts on students, faculty, and the surrounding communities.

Chancellor Bantz is a persistent advocate for student success with a clear dedication to education. He successfully facilitated an increase in the number of students who earn their degrees; provided a wider range of educational options available to students; added eleven bachelor degree programs, ten doctoral, and ten masters programs as well as schools for public health and philanthropy. Research dollars for IUPUI increased by over \$100 million dollars under his leadership and his commitment to research and community service did not stop there, as evidenced by the endowment of the Bantz-Petronio Translating Research into Practice Award. He also serves as a Board Member and Executive Committee Member for United Way of Central Indiana, was a member of the NCAA Division I Board of Directors and NCAA Executive Committee, and is the Director of Urban Serving Universities, among many other boards.

Chancellor Bantz has served his students, faculty, and the City of Indianapolis exceedingly well. Although Charles is stepping down from his position as Chancellor, his commitment to IUPUI will live on as a faculty member. He built a legacy of community service and left a lasting impact on the IUPUI community, and for that we extend a huge thank you. On behalf of all Hoosiers, I'd like to congratulate Charles on his success and wish him and his wife, Professor Sandra Petronio, the best as they begin their next adventure in our community they have worked so hard to make a wonderful place.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF ALEXANDER MOSSING ON HIS OFFER OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 1, 2015

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an out-

standing student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Alexander Mossing of Holland, Ohio has been offered an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Alexander's offer of appointment poises him to attend the United States Air Force Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2019. Attending one of our nation's military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country but also guarantees a world-class education, while placing demands on those who undertake one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Alexander brings an enormous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2019. While attending Central Catholic High School in Toledo, Ohio, Alexander maintained a 3.99 grade point average and earned scholastic honors of summa cum laude each year.

Throughout high school, Alexander was a member of his school's wrestling, golf, and tennis teams, excelling in wrestling as he earned a varsity letter each of his four years and was state champion his junior and senior year. I am confident that Alexander will carry the lessons of his student and athletic leadership to the Air Force Academy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Alexander Mossing on the offer of his appointment to the United States Air Force Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Alexander will excel during his career at the Air Force Academy, and I ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to the Nation.

TRIBUTE TO IOWA STATE TROOPER TRACY BOHLEN

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 1, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the heroic efforts of Iowa State Trooper Tracy Bohlen, who provided life-saving medical treatment to a man in need.

Trooper Bohlen went to investigate what appeared to be a fight inside of a truck. Upon opening the door he saw a panicked young man trying to help his father who was having a medical emergency. Trooper Bohlen leapt into action and laid the man down in the middle of the interstate to do chest compressions for 50 seconds. Due to his quick action, he was able to get the man breathing again within a minute.

Several Iowans also stopped to make sure the man in need and his son made it to the hospital to receive care. I thank Iowa State Trooper Tracy Bohlen for his decisive action and his commitment to service. It is an honor to represent Trooper Bohlen in the United States Congress and wish him continued success well into the future.

INTRODUCTION OF THE SAVE OUR NATIONAL PARKS TRANSPORTATION ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 1, 2015

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce the "Save Our National Parks Transportation Act." The bill authorizes \$460 million for the National Park Service (NPS) from the Federal Lands Transportation Program for each of fiscal years 2016 to 2021, and establishes the Nationally Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Transportation Projects program authorized at \$150 million each of fiscal years 2016 to 2021.

Unlike other infrastructure, NPS roads and bridges rely exclusively on federal funds. These roads and bridges are located in districts across the country, and the needs are spread across most of the 50 States. These roads and bridges are not funded out of state apportionments, and Members may not realize that there are few alternative sources of funds for maintenance and improvements of these assets.

Infrastructure in our national parks continues to crumble at an alarming rate, threatening not only our largest and most famous parks, but also the significant revenue that states and localities earn from the presence of national parks and from federal roads and bridges that are essential for daily commerce.

Significant investments are needed for roads, bridges, and related transportation infrastructure on NPS land. Under the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (Map-21), the Federal Lands Transportation Program is funded at \$300 million per fiscal year, with NPS receiving \$240 million. Yet, NPS has an \$11.5 billion maintenance backlog and needs \$460 million per year just to maintain the existing condition of its core transportation infrastructure.

NPS also has several "mega-projects" that are in critical need, but the current annual transportation allocation for NPS does not allow for any progress on these projects. Last week, NPS announced weight restrictions and lane closures on the iconic Arlington Memorial Bridge, spanning the Potomac River between Virginia and the District of Columbia. Memorial Bridge carries more than 68,000 vehicles per day, and it's a critical transportation artery to Arlington National Cemetery, Mount Vernon and for the National Capital Region. With a cost of \$250 million to replace the bridge, the necessary improvements to this one bridge exceed the entire annual Federal Lands Transportation Program allocation for NPS. There are other large projects across the country that require equally significant investments, including the Tamiami Trail in Florida; the Foothills Parkway project in Great Smoky Mountains National Park in Tennessee; the Yellowstone National Park Road Reconstruction in Wyoming; and the Water Gap National Recreation Area Road Reconstruction project in Delaware, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania.

To address the need to fund these large projects, the bill establishes a Nationally Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Transportation Projects program. The authorized funding for the program will be \$150 million per year for five years and would cover projects with a minimum cost of \$25 million. Under the

program, the Federal Land Management Agencies and Indian Tribes are eligible to compete for funding to construct, reconstruct, and rehabilitate nationally significant federal lands and tribal transportation projects. This provision is also included in H.R. 2410, the "Generating Renewal, Opportunity, and Work with Accelerated Mobility, Efficiency, and Rebuilding of Infrastructure and Communities throughout America Act" (GROW AMERICA Act), which I have introduced along with my Democratic colleagues on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

The federal government has a responsibility to maintain the highway and transit assets it owns. Neglect has now reached crisis proportions. This bill is an important step in empowering NPS to fulfill its responsibility.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this bill.

TRIBUTE TO BOB SCHIEFFER

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 1, 2015

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of the remarkable career of Mr. Bob Schieffer who retired yesterday from CBS. For more than half a century, Bob Schieffer served the nation by covering the most pertinent issues with candor and journalistic dexterity. For the past 24 years, he served as the anchor of what is reported as the most watched news show in America, "Face the Nation."

Prior to his work with CBS, Mr. Schieffer served in the U.S. Air Force for three years. As a native Texan, he began his career in journalism as a reporter at the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, where he became the first reporter from a Texas newspaper to report from Vietnam. He is also one of only a handful of journalists in Washington to have covered the Pentagon, the White House, Congress and the State Department.

Mr. Schieffer has obtained nearly every journalism award imaginable, including: eight Emmys; the Overseas Press Club Award; the Paul White Award presented by the TV News Directors Association; and the Edward R. Murrow Award from Washington State University. Mr. Schieffer and I both attended Texas Christian University. In 2005, our alma mater named its journalism school in Bob Schieffer's honor; and in 2013, they followed by establishing the Bob Schieffer College of Communication. The list of accolades goes on.

Mr. Speaker, to refer to Mr. Schieffer as a living legend somehow falls short. Mr. Schieffer is an unparalleled journalist and a pillar of American television. His method of journalism will serve as a model for aspiring journalists for years to come. I am happy to congratulate him on his retirement, and I wish him many enjoyable years ahead. I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the career and accomplishments of one of America's finest journalists, Mr. Bob Schieffer.

PREECLAMPSIA AWARENESS MONTH

HON. LOIS CAPP

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 1, 2015

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of May as Preeclampsia Awareness Month.

Despite great strides in maternity care over the years, there is an immediate need for further research into preeclampsia as well as related hypertensive disorders of pregnancy—eclampsia and HELLP syndrome.

While at least 5–8% of pregnant women suffer from these conditions each year, 60% of preventable pregnancy-related deaths are the result of preeclampsia alone.

These diseases occur only during pregnancy and the immediate post-partum period, affecting the health, and sometimes the lives, of the mother and baby.

And those women who develop preeclampsia during pregnancy can feel the effects years later; these women are four times more likely to develop hypertension later in life, and are twice as likely to develop heart disease, stroke, and blood clots.

The only known cure for preeclampsia is delivery, which is often conducted prior to a pregnancy being full term in the context of an emergency situation.

This is not ideal for the woman or her baby.

As a nurse and longtime public health advocate, I know that robust funding for maternal and child health research and education is one of the most important investments we can make.

I strongly encourage Congress to prioritize continued research on preeclampsia and related diseases.

Let's protect women and children from this progressive and often misdiagnosed disorder.

A TRIBUTE TO DOLL DISTRIBUTING BEVERAGE COMPANY

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 1, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate a great Iowa company, Doll Distributing Beverage Company of Council Bluffs, Iowa. Doll Distributing is celebrating its 50th anniversary in business. Their motto is: "Building Brands. Building Relationships." Doll Distributing is a distributor of Anheuser-Busch and other products.

Merlin Doll's sales and wholesaling career spanned over 60 years starting with the Storz Brewery in Omaha as a territory sales manager. Mr. Doll wanted to purchase a distributorship and when none were available he was approached by Anheuser-Busch and was given an opportunity to purchase one. In 1965 Mr. Doll, with his wife Edith, sold their distributorship in order to purchase a distributing operation in Council Bluffs, Iowa, the Doll Distributing of today.

The second generation, which includes: Jeff Doll, Mark Doll, Tami Doll, Scott Doll and Jay Doll, purchased the company from their parents. Since 1988 they have expanded the

business from distributing in 3 counties to 11 counties, and after several additional purchases of distributing operations, the Doll Family distributes their products to over 40 counties, amounting to 3,569 accounts in Iowa. Andrew Doll and Lauren Doll are continuing the Doll family tradition as the third generation currently involved in the business.

The Doll Distributing Beverage Company has made a positive impact on the Council Bluffs community and the State of Iowa. For the past 50 years the Doll Family has accomplished a number of milestones and are a true testament to the meaning of hard work and dedication to success. I commend Doll Distributing and their employees for a job well done. I know that my colleagues in the House join me in honoring this company and family for their commitment to business and their community. I wish them and their employees continued success moving forward.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, June 02, 2015 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's record.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JUNE 3

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine challenges and implications of EPA's proposed national ambient air quality standard for ground-level ozone, including S. 638, to amend the Clean Air Act with respect to exceptional event demonstrations, S. 751, to improve the establishment of any lower ground-level ozone standards, and S. 640, to amend the Clean Air Act to delay the review and revision of the national ambient air quality standards for ozone.

SD-406

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine implications of the Iran nuclear agreement for United States policy in the Middle East.

SD-419

10 a.m.

Committee on Finance

Business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, "Audit & Appeal Fairness, Integrity, and Reforms in Medicare Act of 2015".

SD-215

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine reauthorizing the Higher Education Act, focusing on ensuring college affordability.

SD-430

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine top government investigator positions left unfilled for years.

SD-342

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

Business meeting to consider S. 1292, to amend the Small Business Act to treat certain qualified disaster areas as HUBZones and to extend the period for HUBZone treatment for certain base closure areas, an original bill entitled, "Recovery Improvements for Small Entities (RISE) After Disaster Act of 2015", an original resolution expressing the sense of the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship of the Senate that the rule relating to the definition of the term "waters of the United States" under the Clean Water Act will have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities, the nomination of Douglas J. Kramer, of Kansas, to be Deputy Administrator of the Small Business Administration, and other pending calendar business.

SR-428A

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine S. 207, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to use existing authorities to furnish health care at non-Department of Veterans Affairs facilities to veterans who live more than 40 miles driving distance from the closest medical facility of the Department that furnishes the care sought by the veteran, S. 297, to revive and expand the Intermediate Care Technician Pilot Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 425, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a five-year extension to the homeless veterans reintegration programs and to provide clarification regarding eligibility for services under such programs, S. 471, to improve the provision of health care for women veterans by the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 684, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the provision of services for homeless veterans, and other pending calendar business.

SR-418

Joint Economic Committee

To hold hearings to examine the employment effects of the Affordable Care Act.

SD-562

JUNE 4

Time to be announced

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Business meeting to consider the nomination of Peter V. Neffenger, of Ohio, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security.

TBA

9:30 a.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 1137, to amend title 35, United States Code, and the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act to make improvements and technical corrections, and the nominations of Dale A. Drozd, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of

California, Lawrence Joseph Vilardo, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of New York, LaShann Moutique DeArcy Hall, and Ann Donnelly, both to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, John W. Huber, of Utah, to be United States Attorney for the District of Utah for the term of four years, Eileen Maura Decker, of California, to be United States Attorney for the Central District of California for the term of four years, and Eric Steven Miller, of Vermont, to be United States Attorney for the District of Vermont for the term of four years.

SD-226

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Export-Import Bank of the United States.

SD-538

Committee on Foreign Relations

Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health Policy

To hold hearings to examine security assistance in Africa.

SD-419

1:15 p.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management

To hold hearings to examine practical solutions to improve the federal regulatory process.

SD-342

2 p.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on Oversight, Agency Action, Federal Rights and Federal Courts

To hold hearings to examine the process that led to the Affordable Care Act subsidy rule.

SD-226

2:30 p.m.

Select Committee on Intelligence

To receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

JUNE 9

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine S. 15, to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to recognize the authority of States to regulate oil and gas operations and promote American energy security, development, and job creation, S. 454, to amend the Department of Energy High-End Computing Revitalization Act of 2004 to improve the high-end computing research and development program of the Department of Energy, S. 784, to direct the Secretary of Energy to establish microlabs to improve regional engagement with national laboratories, S. 1033, to amend the Department of Energy Organization Act to replace the current requirement for a biennial energy policy plan with a Quadrennial Energy Review, S. 1054, to improve the productivity and energy efficiency of the manufacturing sector by directing the Secretary of Energy, in coordination with the National Academies and other appropriate Federal agencies, to develop a national smart manufacturing plan and to provide assistance to small- and medium-sized manufacturers in implementing smart manufacturing programs, S. 1068, to

amend the Federal Power Act to protect the bulk-power system from cyber security threats, S. 1181, to expand the Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing Program to include commercial trucks and United States flagged vessels, to return unspent funds and loan proceeds to the United States Treasury to reduce the national debt, S. 1187, to improve management of the National Laboratories, enhance technology commercialization, facilitate public-private partnerships, S. 1216, to amend the Natural Gas Act to modify a provision relating to civil penalties, S. 1218, to establish an interagency coordination committee or subcommittee with the leadership of the Department of Energy and the Department of the Interior, focused on the nexus between energy and water production, use, and efficiency, S. 1221, to amend the Federal Power Act to require periodic reports on electricity reliability and reliability impact statements for rules affecting the reliable operation of the bulk-power system, S. 1223, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to improve the loan guarantee program for innovative technologies, S. 1229, to require the Secretary of Energy to submit a plan to implement recommendations to improve interactions between the Department of Energy and National Laboratories, S. 1230, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a program under which the Director of the Bureau of Land Management shall enter into memoranda of understanding with States providing for State oversight of oil and gas productions activities, S. 1241, to provide for the modernization, security, and resiliency of the electric grid, to require the Secretary of Energy to carry out programs for research, development, demonstration, and information-sharing for cybersecurity for the energy sector, S. 1256, to require the Secretary of Energy to establish an energy storage research program, loan program, and technical assistance and grant program, S. 1258, to require the Secretary of Energy to establish a distributed energy loan program and technical assistance and grant program, S. 1259, to establish a grant program to allow National Laboratories to provide vouchers to small business concerns to improve commercialization of technologies developed at National Laboratories and the technology-driven economic impact of commercialization in the regions in which National Laboratories are located, S. 1263, to provide for the establishment of a Clean Energy Technology Manufacturing and Export Assistance Fund to assist United States businesses with exporting clean energy technology products and services, S. 1274, to amend the National Energy Conservation Policy Act to reauthorize Federal agencies to enter into long-term contracts for the acquisition of energy, S. 1275, to establish a Financing Energy Efficient Manufacturing Program in the Department of Energy to provide financial assistance to promote energy efficiency and onsite renewable technologies in manufacturing and industrial facilities, S. 1277, to improve energy savings by the Department of Defense, S. 1293, to establish the Department of Energy as the lead agency for coordinating all requirements under Federal law with respect to eligible clean coal and advanced coal technology generating

projects, S. 1306, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to use existing funding available to further projects that would improve energy efficiency and reduce emissions, S. 1310, to prohibit the Secretary of the Interior from issuing new oil or natural gas production leases in the Gulf of Mexico under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to a person that does not renegotiate its existing leases in order to require royalty payments if oil and natural gas prices are greater than or equal to specified price thresholds, S. 1311, to amend the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act of 1982 and the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to modify certain penalties to deter oil spills, S. 1312, to modernize Federal policies regarding the supply and distribution of energy in the United States, S. 1338, to amend the Federal Power Act to provide licensing procedures for certain types of projects, S. 1340, to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to improve coal leasing, S. 1346, to require the Secretary of Energy to establish an e-prize competition pilot program to provide up to 4 financial awards to eligible entities that develop and verifiably demonstrate technology that reduces the cost of electricity or space heat in a high-cost region, S. 1363, to require the Secretary of Energy to submit to Congress a report assessing the capability of the Department of Energy to authorize, host, and oversee privately funded fusion and fission reactor prototypes and related demonstration facilities at sites owned by the Department of Energy, S. 1398, to extend, improve, and consolidate energy research and development programs, S. 1405, to require a coordinated response to coal fuel supply emergencies that could impact electric power system adequacy or reliability, S. 1407, to promote the development of renewable energy on public land, S. 1408, to provide for a program of research, development, demonstration, and commercial application in vehicle technologies at the Department of Energy, S. 1420, to amend the Department of Energy Organization Act to provide for the collection of information on critical energy supplies, to establish a Working Group on Energy Markets, S. 1422, to require the Secretary of Energy to establish a comprehensive program to improve education and training for energy- and manufacturing-related jobs to increase the number of skilled workers trained to work in energy and manufacturing-related fields, S. 1428, to amend the USEC Privatization Act to require the Secretary of Energy to issue a long-term Federal excess uranium inventory management plan, S. 1432, to require the Secretary of Energy to conduct a study on the technology, potential lifecycle energy savings, and economic impact of recycled carbon fiber, S. 1434, to amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to establish an energy storage portfolio standard, S. 1449, to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to add certain medium-duty and heavy-duty vehicles to the advanced technology vehicles manufacturing incentive program, and H.R. 35, to increase the understanding of the health effects of low doses of ionizing radiation.

SD-366

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Transportation Security Administration, focusing on first-hand and government watchdog accounts of agency challenges.

SD-342

JUNE 10

2:15 p.m.

Committee on Indian Affairs

Business meeting to consider S. 248, to clarify the rights of Indians and Indian tribes on Indian lands under the National Labor Relations Act; to be immediately followed by an oversight hearing to examine addressing the need for victim services in Indian County.

SD-628

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Subcommittee on National Parks

To hold hearings to examine S. 145, to require the Director of the National Park Service to refund to States all State funds that were used to reopen and temporarily operate a unit of the National Park System during the October 2013 shutdown, S. 146, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into agreements with States and political subdivisions of States providing for the continued operation, in whole or in part, of public land, units of the National Park System, units of the National Wildlife Refuge System, and units of the National Forest System in the State during any period in which the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture is unable to maintain normal level of operations at the units due to a lapse in appropriations, S. 319, to designate a mountain in the State of Alaska as Mount Denali, S. 329, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of the Farmington River and Salmon Brook in the State of Connecticut as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 403, to revise the authorized route of the North Country National Scenic Trail in northeastern Minnesota and to extend the trail into Vermont to connect with the Appalachian National Scenic Trail, S. 521, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of President Station in Baltimore, Maryland, S. 610, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of P.S. 103 in West Baltimore, Maryland and for other purposes, S. 782, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a bison management plan for Grand Canyon National Park, and S. 873, to designate the wilderness within the Lake Clark National Park and Preserve in the State of Alaska as the Jay S. Hammond Wilderness Area.

SD-366

JUNE 11

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine accounts of current and former federal agency whistleblowers.

SD-342

<p>10 a.m.</p> <p>Committee on Energy and Natural Resources</p> <p>To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Jonathan Elkind, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (International Affairs), and Monica C. Regalbuto, of Illinois, to be an Assist-</p>	<p>JUNE 16</p> <p>ant Secretary of Energy (Environmental Management).</p> <p>SD-366</p> <p>JULY 9</p> <p>10 a.m.</p> <p>Committee on Energy and Natural Resources</p> <p>To hold hearings to examine the back-end of the nuclear fuel cycle and re-</p>	<p>lated legislation, including S. 854, to establish a new organization to manage nuclear waste, provide a consensual process for siting nuclear waste facilities, ensure adequate funding for managing nuclear waste.</p> <p>SD-366</p>
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